

REMARKS

The Office action of April 5, 2006, has been carefully considered.

The Office Action has pointed out that the parameter measured in micrometers in Fig. 5 is thickness, not roughness. Applicants agree, and have amended the specification in [0034] such that this paragraph is consistent with Fig. 5.

The Amendment of January 18, 2006 has been bjected to on the grounds that the definition of Rz units as micrometers is new matter. Similarly, claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph on the basis that the specification as filed does not define micrometers as the unit of measurement of Rz.

In a telephone interview held on July 5, 2006, the Examiner requested that Applicants submit evidence related to the definition of Rz in the form of a declaration and the relevant Japanese standard JIS B 0601.

A declaration of the inventors is attached hereto, accompanied by an English language copy of JIS B 0601. In the standard, Rz is defined a "ten-point mean roughness" on pages 871-873. Under point 5.1.1 on page 871, it is stated that Rz is "the sum of the average value of absolute values of the heights of five highest profile peaks (Y_p) and the depths of five deepest profile valleys (Y_v) measured in the vertical magnification direction from the mean line of this sampled portion *and this sum is expressed in micrometer (μm)...*" (emphasis added).

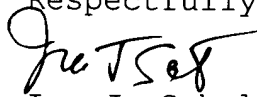
In the declaration, the inventors state that an error was made in the preparation of the application in that the proper units were omitted in the disclosure of surface roughness, and that those of ordinary skill in the art know that the proper unit of measurement of Rz is micrometers.

As it has now been established that the amendment to the specification and claims to add the proper units for Rz adds only what is known to be correct by those of ordinary skill in the art, Applicants submit that these amendments do not constitute new matter, and withdrawal of the objection under 35 USC 132(a) and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph, are requested.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Dong. Claim 7 has now been canceled, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application with amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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